

What is claimed is:

1. A method of transporting or storing perishable produce which comprises:

providing a sealable transportable container having

5 circulating means electrically energizable and powered to circulate gas associated with said produce amongst a produce and in some heat exchange relationship with at least part of a sealing periphery of said produce and its associated gas; and

heating means disposed within the container operable  
10 to raise the temperature of the circulating gas environment therein;

loading and sealing the produce into the sealable transportable container to substantially isolate the gas associated with said produce from the surrounding environment;

15 lowering the temperature of the sealed produce and associated gas; and then

holding the temperature of the sealed produce and associated gas at a refrigerating temperature by ensuring a controlled refrigerating environment outside of said container  
20 which is in a heat exchange relationship with said at least part of the sealing periphery and hence said sealed produce and associated gas, while the gas within said container is continuously or continually circulated therein, whereby upon

operating the heating means, the refrigerating temperature is above the controlled refrigerating temperature.

2. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 1, wherein said circulating means is  
5 a fan.

3. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locus of urged circulation of the associated gas is up the side of the produce, over the top of the produce, and back down the side of the  
10 produce.

4. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locus of urged circulation is up the side of said produce across and through the produce at various levels, and back down the side of the  
15 produce.

5. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing periphery comprise a flexible plastic bag placed over said produce, and then braced so as to provide air gaps or ducts around said  
20 produce.

6. A method of transporting or storing perishable produce which comprises:

providing a sealed pallet having

circulating means electrically energizable and powered to circulate gas associated with said produce amongst a produce and in some heat exchange relationship with at least part of a sealing periphery of said produce and its associated gas; and

5            heating means disposed within the sealed pallet operable to raise the temperature of the circulating gas environment therein;

          loading and sealing the produce onto the pallet to obtain a produce stack and substantially isolate the gas  
10 associated with said produce from the surrounding environment;

          lowering the temperature of the sealed produce and associated gas; and then

          holding the temperature of the sealed produce and associated gas at a refrigerating temperature by ensuring a  
15 controlled refrigerating environment outside of said sealed pallet which is in a heat exchange relationship with said at least part of the sealing periphery and hence said sealed produce and associated gas, while the gas within said sealed pallet is continuously or continually circulated therein,  
20 whereby upon operating the heating means, the refrigerating temperature is above the controlled refrigerating temperature.

7. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 6, wherein said circulating means electrical energizable within the sealed pallet is a fan.

8. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 6, wherein the locus of urged circulation of the associated gas is up the side of the produce stack, over the top of the produce stack, and back down the side  
5 of the produce stack.

9. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 6, wherein the locus of urged circulation is up the side of the produce stack across and through the produce stack at various levels, and back down the  
10 side of the produce stack.

10. The method of transporting or storing perishable produce as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sealing periphery comprises a flexible plastic bag placed over said produce, and then braced so as to provide air gaps or ducts around said  
15 produce.